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OIL SHALE DEVELOPMENT IN MOROCCO

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ABSTRACT

The kingdom of Morocco has embarked on development of their extensive oil shale resources to decrease further dependence on foreign petroleum imports and to support internal industrial growth. The Office National de Recherche et d'Exploitation des Hydrocarbures (ONAREP) has elected to develop the T cube semi-continuous retorting process.

The presentation will review the retorting characteristics of Moroccan oil shale, the research and development program, and the current status of T cube process pilot plant construction. The presentation will also review the oil shale resources in Morocco, as well as some of the past ONAREP's oil shale activities.